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Correction to Genealogical Query 1177

In the previous issue of *SAG* (see Vol. XIX, June/September 1999, pp. 260-61), query 1177 for Holmquist (Bjerkengren) contained two errors. The last part of the query was inadvertently omitted and should have read as follows: "Does anyone have any *information about what happened to Carl Peter after leaving Sweden at the early age of nine? Any help would be highly appreciated.*" The submitter's correct e-mail address is <bengt.holmquist@itdalarna.se>

Photographs of Swedish pioneers from Princeton, IL area now available

I would like to draw your readers' attention to a project that may be helpful to some of them. Many Swedes settled in Princeton, Illinois, in the mid-1800s. A photographer, H. W. Immke, took many portraits from the 1860s to the 1880s. His glass plates, which he had labeled, were given to the Bureau County Historical Society. After many years, with volunteer help, they have now been organized. Computer lists have been made of the surnames. You can request a photo search from the Immke Archives by sending for a request form. Send \$2 and a SASE for each surname you wish searched. The search result will be mailed to you. If you find desired portraits on the searched list, 5 x 7 or 8 x 10 copies can be ordered for \$15 each. They are suitable for framing.

We recently received the results of our search for the Samuelson family. We were delighted with the lovely portraits of my husband's great-grandmother and her parents, his great-great-grandparents. It is a rare opportunity to obtain fine portraits of ancestors who settled in the Princeton area in the last century.

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Hansson, Jonsdotter

Nils Hansson, his wife, Carin Jansdotter, and their children (Margta, age 5; Anna, age 2; and Hans, age 1) arrived in New York from Gävle on 23 September 1849 aboard the *Cobden*. Accompanying them were their brothers—Jonas Hansson of Norrbor and Lars Jansson of Roste. All of the individuals listed above came from Bollnäs Parish and eventually settled near Andover, Henry County, Illinois. Margta Hansson married Lewis Norton in 1868 and moved to Moline, Illinois. Anna died soon after their arrival in North America and Hans and his family moved to Canada in 1911. It is possible that a son, John, was born in Illinois. Mother, Carin Jansdotter, died while the children were young, likely within ten years of emigrating.

According to the Bollnäs Parish records, Lars Jansson's twin brother, Carl (b. 14 July 1828), remained in Sweden with his parents and sister. In 1867, after the death of his father, Jan Karlsson, and his mother, Anna Larsdotter (b. 1793), he left Roste for North America. Since her daughter, Carin, had already died by this time, she must have been coming over to her son Lars.

I would like to establish contact with anyone in either the United States branch or the Swedish branch of this family.

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Editors note: For additional information regarding these individuals, see page 372 (Nos. 3455, 3461-3465, 3466) of Olsson and Wikén, *Swedish Passenger Arrivals in the United States 1820-1850* (Stockholm, 1995).

Sjögren, Svensson, Karlsson, Karlsdotter, Dyk, Spaak

Carl Johan Svensson Sjögren was b. Älgshult, Locknevi Parish (Kalm.) 11 April 1822, the son of Sven Peter Larsson and Anna Greta Samuelsdotter. On 26 May 1847 in Horn Parish (Öst.), he married Anna Brita Carlsdotter, b. Grönhult, Locknevi Parish 25 June 1823. They had the following children: Anna Maria, b. Ranglebo, Locknevi Parish 18 January 1848; Ida Charlotta, b. Ranglebo, Locknevi Parish 24 November 1849; and Carl Josef Felix, b. Sjöstätter, Locknevi Parish 14 January 1852.

The family emigrated from Sjöstätter, Locknevi Parish in 1852 and arrived in New York on 20 July 1852 aboard the *Virginia*. Charlotta and Carl Josef Felix had died during the journey; Carl Johan was listed as a "mechanic."

It is worth noting that Anna Brita's siblings—Sara Rebecka Carlsdotter, b. Locknevi Parish 26 June 1833, and Carl August Carlsson, b. Locknevi Parish 30 April 1843—also emigrated from Locknevi Parish in 1852. Other people from the nearby parish of Djursdala emigrated at nearly the same time. There are connections to the Dyk and Spaak families from Djursdala as well.

Any information about where these individuals might have settled in America and what happened to them will be appreciated.

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Matson, Svela

The unclaimed remains of the following two WWI soldiers with likely Swedish names are buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Charlotte, North Carolina:

Pvt. Arthur W. Matson of Wisconsin; died 22 January 1918

Pvt. Lars Svela of Montana; died 28 April 1918.

They were victims of the Spanish influenza epidemic of 1917/18. Anyone with an interest may write for information. Please include a large SASE.

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Schwartz, Möller

We are trying to find out what has happened to a relative of ours. Her name was Otilia Eufemia Schwartz (married Möller), b. Runtuna, Nyköping Parish (Söd.) 2 March 1889.

The ship she sailed on was torpedoed off the coast of Plymouth, England, and we learned that an English patrol boat saved the passengers. In a letter to her mother dated 11 March 1917 and sent from Newcastle, England, Otelia wrote that she was waiting for a ship to take her to New York. We received letters from her up to 1921.

Otelia has relatives here in Sweden who are very anxious to know what has happened to her. Her daughter is 85 years old. I am 81 and very concerned and preoccupied with the thoughts of what has happened to my aunt. The rest of the family here in Sweden would be very happy if you, by some miracle, could enlighten our lives and put our minds and hearts to rest.

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Hultkvist, Nelson, Swanson, Johnson

I am interested in obtaining information about my grandmother's sister, Ida Kristina Hultkvist, who was born in Berga, Sweden, 21 January 1869 and immigrated to Illinois on 25 May 1894. She had the following three children (listed with their last known addresses): Elmer Nelson, Route 1, Mora, MN; Katarine Frisk Swanson, 323 Dover Street, Aurora, IL; and Ruth Johnsson, 13615 Burbank Blvd., Van Nuys, CA.

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Andersson, Mårtensson, Linderberg, Rietz (?)

I am looking for information about the following persons:

Ola Andersson was born in Åsumtorp, Norra Åsum Parish (Krist.) 8 September 1829. He emigrated ca. 1869.

His nephew, Sven/Svan Andersson, was born in Nävlinge, Nävlinge Parish, (Krist.) 16 May 1880. He settled in North Dakota, married (wife's name unknown), and had three sons (Clarence, Arthur and Ralph). His address in 1959 was R.R. #1, Williams County, Buford, ND. Clarence married a woman named Mary, had seven children, and lived in Buford (?). Arthur married his cousin, Signe Mårtensson, from Sweden. Their latest known address was Seattle, WA.

Nils Andersson Linderberg was born in Yngsjö, Åhus Parish (Krist.) 13 July 1862. He emigrated in 1884 and lived in Duluth, MN, ca. 1907. He was a customs cashier. Nils was possibly married to Helge Rietz. He had the following four cousins in Grove City, MN: Arthur O. Nelson, Ola N. Nelson, Nels T. Nelson, and [?] Nelson.

Any help will be much appreciated.

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Månsdotter, Persson, Wiberg

I am searching for the parents of Anna Månsdotter, who was probably born in the province of Halland on 15 September 1796. In 1822 she married Nils Persson of Hasthult in Odensjö Parish (Kron.). She was the mother of Anna Katrina, who was born 27 December 1824. Anna Månsdotter died at Hasthult on 27 December 1825.

I am also searching for information about Beda Maria Wiberg, the daughter of Johan Johansson Wiberg and Anna Lena Lorentzdotter of Bosagård, Odensjö Parish (Kron.). Beda Maria was born at Bosagård 18 December 1887. She worked in Finland and immigrated to Canada. Where did she settle?

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Eriksson

I am seeking information about my grandfather's brother, Carl Fridolf Eriksson, who was b. in Åmål (Älvs.) 30 March 1872. He emigrated from Åmål to the U.S. 22 August 1891, when my grandfather went to South Africa. No word was ever heard from him after he left Sweden. He simply disappeared. On 15 December 1953, he was declared dead by the Swedish authorities.

Two of his sisters (Ellen [Helen] and Elizabeth) and a brother (Gustav) also went to the U.S. and appear to have settled in the Chicago area.

Any information regarding these individuals would be greatly appreciated.

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Hjerpe, Thunstrom

Oscar Gearhard Hjerpe was b. Stockholm (Stock.) 4 June 1894. Ella Thunström was born in the province of Småland 5 December 1895. They married on or about April 1917 in Chicago and lived on the south side of Chicago, somewhere around 79th and Drexel until the early 1950s, when they moved to the suburb of Richton Park, IL. None of the surviving children seem to have any information outside of what I have given above. I am still waiting for a marriage certificate from Cook County that will, perhaps, provide more

information. I am interested in information about when they emigrated and from which parish.

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Andersson

I am seeking information about Carl August Andersson, who was b. in Borlänge (Kopp.) 20 November 1868. He immigrated to Chicago, IL on 15 August 1887. What happened to him?

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Christiansson, Andersdotter, Olsson, Matthiasdotter

The following individuals were all born in Skee Parish (Göt.): Christian Olsson, b. 17 April 1811, and his wife, Ingeborg Matthiasdotter, b. 25 October 1810; their son, Olaus Christiansson, b. 28 April 1842, and his wife, Mathilda Andersdotter, b. 12 May 1842; and Olaus and Mathilda's two children—Carl Martin, b. 13 April 1871, and Emma Josephine, b. 18 November 1872.

Olaus departed Sweden for the U.S. on 11 September 1873. His wife, children and parents emigrated on 28 June 1877.

Additional children born (in Illinois) to Olaus and Mathilda included Hilda, b. 12 August 1878; Frank Louis, b. 17 January 1880; and Olof Victor, b. 22 August 1881.

The Olaus Christianson family and Ingeborg Matthiasdotter joined the Farmersville Lutheran Church in Ford County, Illinois, on 27 November 1881.

I would appreciate any information regarding this family.

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